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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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TERUYOSHI WASHIZAWA

Group Art Unit: 2721

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IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

May 14, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Immediately after the title, please insert the

following:

-- This application is a division of Application No.

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